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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: **IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**
Inventor: **Satoshi TAKAHASHI**

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 64 pages, including 4 independent claims and 10 claims total.
2. Drawings- 11 sheets of drawings containing 13 Figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**
5. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-141656, filed on May 20, 2003.
6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
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7. A check for \$896.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-141656, filed on May 20, 2003.

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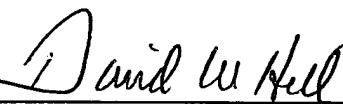
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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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